## TRINITY COUNTY ECONOMIC FORECAST

Trinity County is among the northernmost counties in California. It is also one of the least densely populated areas of the state, with less than five people per square mile. Trinity County has no freeways, no incorporated cities, and installed its first traffic light in 2015. The largest town is Weaverville, which has a population of approximately 3,600 people.

In total, Trinity County has 13,500 residents and 2,700 wage and salary jobs. The per capita income is \$33,268 and the average salary per worker is \$43,497. The government sector is the largest employer in the county, accounting for 49 percent of total wage and salary jobs.

In 2016, a total of 10 wage and salary jobs were gained in Trinity County, representing a growth rate of 0.4 percent. The unemployment rate improved during the year, falling from 7.9 percent in 2015 to 7.1 percent in 2016.

In 2016, 20 jobs were gained in the manufacturing sector, while 10 jobs were created in the healthcare and education industry, and another 10 jobs were gained in the government sector. 30 jobs were lost in the construction industry, and all other major sectors were flat, neither gaining nor losing a significant number of jobs.

Between 2011 and 2016, the population of Trinity County declined at an annual average rate of 0.3 percent. This was entirely result of the natural decrease (deaths outnumbering births), which reduced the population by an average of 49 people per year.

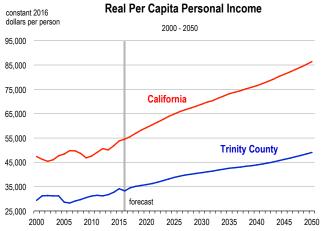
Cannabis production is extremely important to Trinity County. The impact of the cannabis industry can already be observed in the retail trade sector – both sales and employment – as retail stores have begun to sell equipment and supplies to hundreds of marijuana farms in the greater region.

In 1979, the Trinity County agricultural commissioner estimated that the local marijuana crop was worth \$39 million. In 2016, non-marijuana agriculture production was estimated to be \$2.7 million. When the cannabis industry becomes fully legalized, the value of the Trinity County agriculture sector is expected to rise sharply.

### FORECAST HIGHLIGHTS

- Total wage and salary employment is expected to increase by 1.7 percent in 2017. Over the 2017-2022 period, total employment will rise by an average of 0.5 percent per year.
- Average salaries are currently below the California state average, and will remain so over the forecast period. In Trinity County, inflation-adjusted salaries are expected to increase by 0.2 percent per year from 2017 to 2022.
- Between 2017 and 2022, no major sectors will exhibit significant job growth. The largest gains will be in education and healthcare, manufacturing, and retail trade, which will each generate approximately 20 new jobs. Most other sectors will create fewer than 10 new jobs.

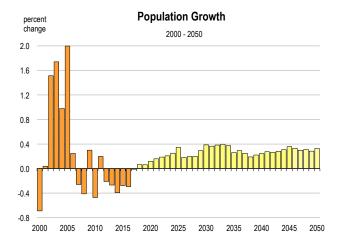


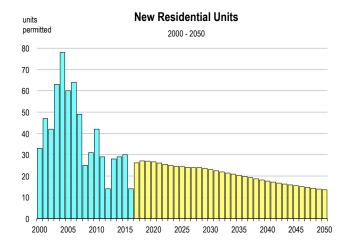


- Over the 2017-2022 period, an average of 62 net migrants will enter the county each year, but the natural decrease will reduce the population by an average of 46 people per year. This combination will result in slow population growth of 0.1 percent per year.
- Real per capita income is expected to rise by 3.9 percent in 2017.
  Over the following five years, real per capita income is expected to increase at an annual average rate of 1.3 percent.
- Real taxable sales will increase by 2.3 percent in 2017. Between 2017 and 2022, real taxable sales are projected to increase by an average of 0.7 percent per year.
- Industrial production is expected to increase by 5.4 percent in 2017. Between 2017 and 2022, the growth rate of industrial production will average 3.3 percent per year.
- Total crop production, adjusted for inflation, is expected to rise by almost 400 percent in 2017. Between 2017 and 2022, production values will increase by an average of 65 percent per year. These sharp increases will be the result of the legalization of the Trinity County cannabis industry.

# **Trinity County Economic Forecast** 2010-2016 History, 2017-2050 Forecast

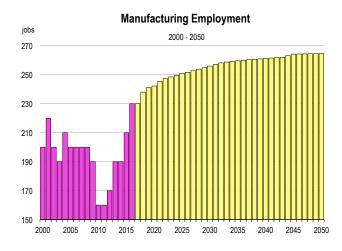
	Population (people)	Net Migration (people)	Registered Vehicles (thousands)	Households (thousands)	New Homes Permitted (homes)	Total Taxable Sales (billions)	Personal Income (billions)	Real Per Capita Income (dollars)		Real Farm Crop Value (millions)	Real Industrial Production (millions)	Unemploy- ment Rate (percent)
2010	13,706	-29	20.8	6.1	42	\$0.08	\$0.38	\$31,152	1.3	2.8	37.2	17.0
2011	13,733	73	20.6	6.1	29	\$0.08	\$0.39	\$31,421	2.7	2.6	33.8	16.7
2012	13,704	0	20.0	6.0	14	\$0.09	\$0.40	\$31,197	2.7	2.6	38.9	14.7
2013	13,667	0	20.3	5.8	28	\$0.10	\$0.41	\$31,729	2.3	2.7	44.8	11.9
2014	13,613	0	20.4	5.8	29	\$0.10	\$0.43	\$32,687	2.8	2.7	46.6	9.5
2015	13,575	0	20.7	5.8	30	\$0.11	\$0.45	\$34,132	2.6	2.7	52.9	7.9
2016	13,535	0	20.9	5.8	14	\$0.12	\$0.45	\$33,268	3.0	2.7	57.9	7.1
2017	13,534	49	21.1	5.8	26	\$0.12	\$0.48	\$34,553	3.1	13.2	61.0	6.5
2018	13,542	56	21.3	5.8	27	\$0.13	\$0.50	\$35,121	3.0	48.2	64.6	6.3
2019	13,550	56	21.5	5.8	27	\$0.13	\$0.52	\$35,503	2.6	83.2	66.2	6.1
2020	13,566	62	21.7	5.9	27	\$0.14	\$0.54	\$35,852	3.1	108.2	67.9	6.2
2021	13,588	66	21.9	5.9	26	\$0.14	\$0.57	\$36,275	3.0	131.2	69.8	6.3
2022	13,613	68	22.1	5.9	26	\$0.15	\$0.59	\$36,843	3.0	163.2	71.7	6.5
2023	13,641	72	22.2	5.9	25	\$0.15	\$0.62	\$37,473	3.0	168.2	73.7	6.7
2024	13,676	78	22.4	5.9	25	\$0.16	\$0.65	\$38,140	2.9	173.2	75.6	6.9
2025	13,723	92	22.6	5.9	24	\$0.16	\$0.68	\$38,789	2.9	178.2	77.5	7.0
2026	13,747	70	22.7	5.9	24	\$0.16	\$0.70	\$39,307	2.8	183.2	79.1	7.1
2027	13,774	72	22.9	6.0	24	\$0.17	\$0.73	\$39,763	2.9	188.2	81.1	7.1
2028	13,801	71	23.0	6.0	24	\$0.17	\$0.75	\$40,082	2.7	193.2	83.3	7.1
2029	13,842	83	23.2	6.0	24	\$0.18	\$0.78	\$40,411	2.5	194.2	85.7	7.1
2030	13,895	94	23.3	6.0	23	\$0.18	\$0.81	\$40,738	2.4	195.2	88.1	7.1
2031	13,946	89	23.5	6.0	22	\$0.19	\$0.83	\$41,094	2.3	196.2	90.7	7.1
2032	13,999	89	23.6	6.0	22	\$0.19	\$0.86	\$41,386	2.5	197.2	93.3	7.1
2033	14,054	90	23.7	6.0	21	\$0.20	\$0.89	\$41,821	2.1	198.2	95.7	7.1
2034	14,107	85	23.8	6.0	21	\$0.20	\$0.92	\$42,204	2.3	199.2	98.3	7.1
2035	14,143	69	24.0	6.1	20	\$0.21	\$0.95	\$42,572	2.4	200.2	100.8	7.1
2036	14,185	73	24.1	6.1	20	\$0.21	\$0.99	\$42,814	2.8	201.2	103.4	7.1
2037	14,220	67	24.2	6.1	19	\$0.22	\$1.02	\$43,039	2.9	202.2	106.2	7.1
2038	14,247	61	24.3	6.1	19	\$0.22	\$1.05	\$43,351	2.7	203.2	108.8	7.1
2039	14,278	66	24.4	6.1	18	\$0.23	\$1.09	\$43,606	2.9	204.2	111.6	7.1
2040	14,313	70	24.5	6.1	18	\$0.24	\$1.13	\$43,905	2.8	205.2	114.5	7.0
2041	14,352	74	24.6	6.1	17	\$0.24	\$1.17	\$44,279	2.6	205.7	117.5	7.0
2042	14,391	73	24.7	6.1	17	\$0.25	\$1.21	\$44,697	2.5	206.2	120.5	7.0
2043	14,431	74	24.8	6.1	16	\$0.26	\$1.26	\$45,161	2.4	206.5	123.6	7.0
2044	14,475	77	24.9	6.1	16	\$0.26	\$1.30	\$45,712	2.2	206.7	127.2	7.0
2045	14,527	82	25.0	6.2	15	\$0.27	\$1.35	\$46,199	2.4	207.1	130.9	7.0
2046	14,575	76	25.1	6.2	15	\$0.27	\$1.40	\$46,729	2.3	207.3	134.2	7.0
2047	14,618	70	25.2	6.2	15	\$0.28	\$1.45	\$47,275	2.3	207.7	137.6	7.0
2048	14,664	69	25.2	6.2	14	\$0.29	\$1.50	\$47,845	2.3	207.9	141.1	7.0
2049	14,705	63	25.3	6.2	14	\$0.29	\$1.55	\$48,434	2.3	208.1	144.6	7.0
2050	14,753	68	25.4	6.2	14	\$0.30	\$1.61	\$49,044	2.3	208.2	148.3	7.0

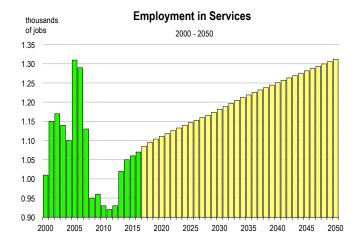


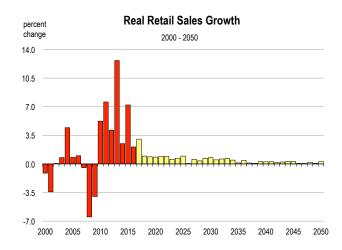


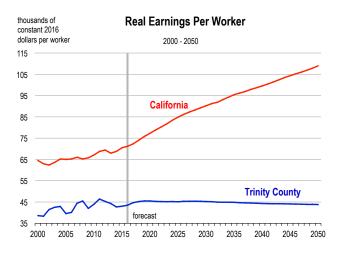
# **Trinity County Employment Forecast** 2010-2016 History, 2017-2050 Forecast

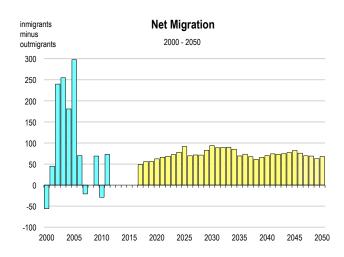
	Total Wage & Salary	Farm	Logging, Mining, & Construction	Manufacturing		Financial Activities	Health & Education	Leisure	Government
employment (thousands of jobs)									
2010	2.640	0.030	0.080	0.160	0.310	0.050	0.240	0.330	1.440
2011	2.630	0.030	0.070	0.160	0.310	0.050	0.220	0.340	1.450
2012	2.640	0.030	0.070	0.170	0.330	0.050	0.190	0.360	1.440
2013	2.700	0.030	0.080	0.190	0.370	0.050	0.260	0.340	1.380
2014	2.710	0.030	0.080	0.190	0.400	0.050	0.270	0.330	1.360
2015	2.730	0.020	0.100	0.210	0.420	0.050	0.270	0.320	1.340
2016	2.740	0.020	0.070	0.230	0.420	0.050	0.280	0.320	1.350
2017	2.785	0.022	0.093	0.230	0.426	0.050	0.287	0.322	1.355
2018	2.807	0.024	0.095	0.238	0.433	0.050	0.289	0.323	1.354
2019	2.819	0.027	0.095	0.241	0.437	0.050	0.293	0.324	1.352
2020	2.829	0.028	0.095	0.242	0.438	0.050	0.297	0.325	1.353
2021	2.842	0.031	0.094	0.245	0.440	0.050	0.301	0.326	1.353
2022	2.853	0.033	0.093	0.247	0.443	0.050	0.305	0.327	1.354
2023	2.863	0.036	0.092	0.249	0.445	0.050	0.309	0.329	1.354
2024	2.874	0.038	0.092	0.250	0.446	0.050	0.313	0.330	1.356
2025	2.897	0.041	0.091	0.251	0.448	0.050	0.316	0.332	1.359
2026	2.896	0.043	0.091	0.252	0.449	0.050	0.320	0.333	1.358
2027	2.906	0.044	0.091	0.253	0.451	0.050	0.323	0.335	1.359
2028	2.914	0.045	0.091	0.254	0.450	0.050	0.329	0.336	1.359
2029	2.925	0.046	0.090	0.255	0.452	0.050	0.334	0.338	1.361
2030	2.936	0.047	0.090	0.256	0.453	0.050	0.339	0.339	1.362
2031	2.945	0.048	0.089	0.257	0.453	0.050	0.344	0.341	1.362
2032	2.955	0.049	0.088	0.258	0.455	0.050	0.349	0.342	1.363
2033	2.965	0.050	0.088	0.259	0.457	0.050	0.354	0.344	1.364
2034	2.974	0.051	0.087	0.259	0.458	0.050	0.359	0.345	1.364
2035	2.980	0.052	0.087	0.260	0.458	0.050	0.363	0.347	1.362
2036	2.988	0.053	0.086	0.260	0.459	0.050	0.368	0.348	1.363
2037	2.995	0.054	0.086	0.261	0.459	0.050	0.373	0.350	1.362
2038	3.001	0.055	0.085	0.261	0.459	0.050	0.378	0.351	1.362
2039	3.008	0.055	0.084	0.261	0.459	0.050	0.382	0.352	1.363
2040	3.015	0.056	0.084	0.261	0.460	0.050	0.387	0.354	1.363
2041	3.022	0.056	0.083	0.262	0.460	0.050	0.392	0.355	1.364
2042	3.028	0.056	0.083	0.262	0.460	0.050	0.396	0.357	1.364
2043	3.035	0.056	0.082	0.262	0.460	0.050	0.400	0.358	1.364
2044	3.042	0.056	0.082	0.263	0.461	0.050	0.405	0.360	1.365
2045	3.050	0.056	0.082	0.264	0.461	0.050	0.409	0.361	1.366
2046	3.056	0.057	0.081	0.264	0.461	0.050	0.414	0.363	1.366
2047	3.061	0.057	0.081	0.264	0.461	0.050	0.418	0.364	1.366
2048	3.067	0.057	0.080	0.265	0.461	0.050	0.422	0.366	1.366
2049	3.073	0.057	0.080	0.265	0.461	0.050	0.427	0.367	1.366
2050	3.080	0.057	0.080	0.265	0.462	0.050	0.431	0.369	1.367

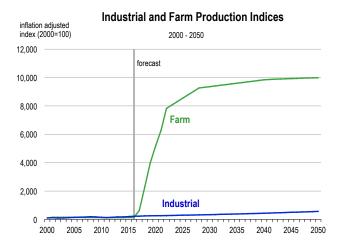












## **County Economic and Demographic Indicators**

#### Projected Economic Growth (2017-2022)

Expected retail sales growth:	4.6%
Expected job growth:	2.4%
Fastest growing jobs sector:	Agriculture
Expected personal income growth:	7.3%

Expected population growth:	0.6%
Net migration to account for:	100%
Expected growth in number of vehicles:	4.4%

### Demographics (2017)

<u>Unemployment rate (April 2017):</u>	6.6%
County rank* in California (58 counties):	38th
Working age (16-64) population:	59.8%

Population with B.A. degree or higher:	22%
Median home selling price (2016):	\$220,000
Median household income:	\$41,501

#### **Quality of Life**

Violent crime rate (2015):	206 per	100,000 persons
County rank* in California (58	counties):	7th
Average commute time to work	(2017):	19 minutes

High school drop out rate (2016):	2.6%
Households at/below poverty line (2017):	12.1%

<sup>\*</sup> The county ranked 1st corresponds to the lowest rate in California